



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Invitation to Participate; Coal Exploration License Application WYW180710, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, and to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Antelope Coal LLC, on a pro rata cost-sharing basis, in its program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States in Campbell County and Converse County, Wyoming.

DATES: This notice of invitation will be published in the Gillette News-Record once each week for 2 consecutive weeks beginning the week of March 12, 2012, and in the Federal Register. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the BLM and Antelope Coal LLC, as provided in the ADDRESSES section below, no later than 30 days after publication of this invitation in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the exploration plan are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices (case file number WYW180710): BLM, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming

82003; and, BLM, High Plains District Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, Wyoming 82604. The written notice should be sent to the following addresses: Antelope Coal LLC, c/o Cloud Peak Energy, Attn: Mark Arambel, Caller Box 3009, Gillette, Wyoming 82717, and BLM, Wyoming State Office, Branch of Solid Minerals, Attn: Mavis Love, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mavis Love, Land Law Examiner, at 307-775-6258. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Antelope Coal LLC, has applied to the BLM for a coal exploration license on public land adjacent to its Antelope Coal Mine. The purpose of the exploration program is to obtain structural and quality information about the coal. The BLM regulations at 43 CFR 3410 require the publication of an invitation to participate in the coal exploration in the Federal Register. The Federal coal resources included in the exploration license application are located in the following described lands in Wyoming:

6th Principal Meridian

T. 40 N., R. 71 W.,

sec. 7, lots 5 through 7 inclusive and lots 10 through 12 inclusive;

sec. 8, lots 12 and 13;

sec. 17, lots 1 through 3 inclusive, lots 6 through 11 inclusive, and lots 14 through 16

inclusive;

sec. 21, lot 1, lots 7 through 10 inclusive and lot 16;

T. 41 N., R. 71 W.,

sec. 4, lots 5, 12, and lots 13 through 20 inclusive;

sec. 5, lots 17 and 18;

sec. 8, lots 1 through 14 inclusive, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

sec. 9, lots 1 through 8 inclusive;

sec. 10, lots 4 and 5;

sec. 17, lots 1 through 16 inclusive;

sec. 18, lots 13 through 20 inclusive;

sec. 19, lots 4 through 19 inclusive;

sec. 20, lots 1 through 13 inclusive;

sec. 29, lots 4, 5, 12, and 13;

sec. 30, lots 5 through 16 inclusive;

sec. 31, lots 5 through 20 inclusive;

sec. 32; lots 4 and 13;

T. 42 N., R. 71 W.,

Sec. 33; lots 8, 9, 16;

T. 41 N., R. 72 W.,

sec. 13; lots 9 and 10;

sec. 24; lots 9, 16; and

sec. 25; lots 1, 8, 9, 16.

Containing 6,571.620 acres, more or less, in Campbell County and Converse County.

The proposed exploration program is fully described in, and will be conducted pursuant to, an exploration plan to be approved by the BLM.

/s/ Mary E. Trautner

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Acting State Director

Authority: 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1)0

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